An Advertiſement concerning the Fourth and Laſt Part of Mr. POOLE's Synopſis Criticorum aliorumque S. Scripturæ Interpretum.

WHereas my Work was at firſt propoſed to be comprized in Three Volumes, and in the progreſs of it it was found neceſſary to adde a Fourth: In which, though the Reverend Biſhops, Doctors, Truſtees, and others concerned in it were fully ſatisfied, yet I would not reſolve to doe it till I had given the Subſcribers an Account of my Intention, and the Grounds and Reaſons of it, (to which I refer them,) and wholly ſubmitted it to their choice. Whereupon the Subſcribers did generally declare their Conſent to that Propoſall, and did not onely judge ſuch an Addition neceſſary, but a conſiderable number of them did then and ſince expreſs their Deſire that I would make Two Volumes upon the New Teſtament, for which they freely offered to pay accordingly. And, I confeſs, if it had been *res integra*, I ſhould have been of their minde, not for my own intereſt, (for I doubt not to make it evident, that the compleating of the Work in Three Volumes had, all things conſidered, been more to my advantage then either Four or Five,) but for the peculiar Excellency and Importance of the New Teſtament, which did both require and deſerve a more elaborate Explication. But having engaged my ſelf in my laſt Propoſition, that there ſhould be no further Addition then of that One Volume propoſed, and that I would require no more of the Subſcribers for it then 20 Shillings, I conceived my ſelf diſabled to comply with that Deſire, and obliged to put no other burthen upon the Subſcribers. Nevertheleſs, that I might gratifie their Deſire as far as I could without the Injury of others, and, becauſe I perceived it was the unanimous Sence of all, that I ſhould not ſtreighten my ſelf upon the New Teſtament, I deſigned to comprimize the Difference; and (whereas the ſtated number of Sheets for a Volume was 280) to make this a Volume of 400 Sheets. But herein, I muſt acknowledge, there did ariſe in my minde many conſiderable Objections: That I might, without great difficulty, finiſh the Work (ſo as to keep to my own Propoſals) in a Volume not much exceeding the ſtated bulk; that the Enlargement of it (beſides the incidental Charge and Pains) would certainly coſt me many Hundreds of pounds out of my own purſe, a Loſs which I was not in Condition to bear, becauſe of the Emolument of my Work, which I had already reaped, a great part was ſwallowed up by neceſſary Expences belonging to it, and the reſt by ſome caſual Infelicities; that the future Profit of it was expoſed to many Uncertainties; that I ſhould have ſmall thanks from ſome, and harſh Cenſures from others, though what I did ſhould be more for their, then for my own, Advantage. Againſt theſe and other Suggeſtions I relieved my ſelf by the Conſcience of my own Sincere Intentions in ſerving the Publick to the beſt of my skill, though with the hazard of my private Inconvenience and Loſs; as alſo of the Quality of my Subſcribers, who were generally Learned and Ingenuous Perſons. And, as I was content to be no Gainer by theſe Enlargements, ſo I concluded, Perſons of that Character would not ſuffer me to be a Loſer by their Benefit. And therewith having ſatisfied my ſelf, I have proceeded accordingly. And becauſe the Length of the Work would neceſſarily require proportionable Time, and divers of the Subſcribers have, with ſome Impatience, expreſſed their Deſires of the Publication of this Laſt Volume, and, though it were in truth but One Volume, and might be bound up together, yet the moſt of the Subſcribers would probably binde it in Two, I thought fit (not without the Advice of ſome Prudent Perſons, to whom I communicated my Intentions) to publiſh the Firſt Part of it, which would make a moderate Volume, containing all the *Goſpels* and the *Acts of the Apoſtles*. And this the Subſcribers are to exſpect before next *Michaelmas* Term, without looking for any further notice, unleſs there happen ſome extraordinary cauſe. And thoſe of the Subſcribers who ſhall ſend up the half of their Money for this Laſt Volume to S. *John*'s Gate-houſe, near *Smithfield*, ſhall receive the ſaid Firſt Part of the Laſt Volume. An Account whereof, ſo far as concerns the *Goſpels* (for the *Acts* I have not yet begun) here follows. The Authors contracted, being comprized in the Criticks, printed at *London*, are theſe, *Munſterus*, *Valla*, *Revius*, *Eraſmus*, *Vatablus*, *Caſtalio*, *Zegerus*, *Druſius*, *Caſaubonus*, *Camero*, *Gualtperius*, *Ludovicus Capellus*, *Jacobus Capellus*, *Pricæus*, *Scultetus*, beſides many others taken out of the Two Volumes of Appendices to thoſe Criticks; and *Grotius*. Concerning whom I muſt intreat the Subſcribers to reflect upon my Propoſall, wherein they will find nothing peculiarly promiſed (except the Tranſlation of Greek Quotations) but onely this declared of him in common with the reſt, That I ſhould *take care to collect out of them whatſoever belongs to the explication of Scripture*. Which courſe if I had obſerved in him, I am perſwaded, as far as I can conjecture, I might have ſaved my ſelf near Thirty Sheets in this Firſt Part: not onely becauſe, though he was an accurate and polite Writer, yet a great number of his words might have been left out without any detriment to the Sence of the Text; but eſpecially becauſe he hath many large Diſcourſes wholly extrinſecall to the Explication of thoſe Texts where they are introduced. But becauſe it was the concurring Deſire of a great number of the Subſcribers (which had with me the force of a Command) that I would take in as much of *Grotius* as poſſibly I could; and becauſe his Diſcourſes were for the moſt part ſo clear and ſolid and uſefull to all Divines, I have entirely tranſcribed them into my Work, and, I ſuppoſe, I may truly ſay, I have left very few of *Grotius* his words out of it, excepting his Quotations out of other men, wherein I have taken greater liberty, eſpecially where they were large, or not conſiderable to the clearing of the Text, in which caſe I have made references to them: but where they were ſhort or of any moment to the Explication of the preſent Text, I preſume I have commonly produced them, and the Greek Quotations which were ſuch, I have generally tranſlated, mentioning onely the firſt words of the Greek. In the next place, I have collected out of the Authors contained in the *Biblia Maxima*, as alſo out of *Piſcator*, *L. de Dieu*, Mr. *Mede*, Dr. *Lightfoot*'s *Harmony*, and his *Chronicle*, and his *Horæ Hebraicæ*, &c. upon each of the *Goſpels*, *Gataker*'s *Cinnus*, *Adverſaria*, *Anti-Pfochenius*, and his Manuſcript Notes, *Glaſſius*, *Bochartus*, &c. as in the former Volumes. And whereas I ſtand engaged no further by my Propoſall, then to ſupply the Defects of the

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mentioned Writers out of other and larger Commentators, and I have accordingly in the preceeding Volumes perused onely 4 or 5 of them, I have here with care and diligence perused *Camerarius*, *Beza*, *Lucas Brugensis* (consisting of Three great Volumes, and being one of the best Commentators upon the *Gospels*, in the judgement of most Learned men,) *Maldonate*, an acute and Learned, though a Passionate, Writer, Dr. *Hammond*, *Schmidius*, the *German* Greek Professor, who writ the *Greek Concordance*, *Walæus* his *Collections* out of *Salmasius*, *Bartholinus*, *Budæus*, *Buxtorfius*, *Dallæus*, *L' Empereur*, *Selden*, *Mountague*, *Petitus*, *Novarinus*, *Vossius*, and divers others. Concerning whom I suppose I may say, without injury to truth or my reputation, I hope there are not many things in them of any considerable use to the Explication of any Text (except what I have out of my proper and primary Authors) that I have not endeavoured with Care to select out of them. Besides these I have made ample Collections out of that Large and Learned Comment of *Chemnitius* and *Gerhard* upon the Evangelicall Harmony and *Spanhemius* his *Dubia Evangelica*. I have also inserted many things, where it was necessary or expedient, out of *Gomarus*, *Junius* his Parallels, *Heinsius* his Exercitations upon the New Testament, and his *Aristarchus sacer*, *Tolet* upon *John*, Vossius *de Genealogia* Christi, some small Tracts of *Capellus* and *Cloppenburgius*, and Sir *Norton Knatchbull* his Animadversions on the New Testament. Out of *Calvin* I have taken more sparingly, for the Reasons I have formerly mentioned, and especially because his Comments upon the New Testament, as they have been sufficiently recommended to the World by Learned Men of all Parties, so they are to be bought by themselves at a very low price. And for the Latter Part of this Volume, upon the *Epistles* and the *Revelation*, supposing it to be done in some proportion to this Part, (which I take for granted the Ingenuity of the Subscribers will oblige and incourage me to doe,) they may expect it, if God give me Life and Assistance, about the end of the next Summer. If that time seeme long to any of them, I humbly offer for their satisfaction, That this Volume will much exceed any of the former in bulk, and therefore may challenge a proportionable addition of time; that the Care of my Health, as divers know, will require at least a quarter of a years time out of that which is allotted to the Work; and especially, that two Presses cannot possibly dispatch the Work before that time. And if I keep pace with two Presses (as hitherto through God's Goodness for the most part I have done) I hope I shall not be charged with slothfulness in carrying on the Work. All which being considered, I think, I may say without vanity, I have dealt ingenuously with the Subscribers, and therefore promise my self they will not deal otherwise with me. And, I humbly conceive, if I expect thirty, instead of twenty, Shillings for the whole Last Volume, I shall not be censured by any ingenuous Person as a Transgressor of the Rules either of Justice or Modesty. But because I earnestly desire that what is done may be done willingly and without regret, I do hereby declare, that if any of the Subscribers shall insist upon my last Proposall of twenty Shillings for the whole, and proportionably shall send up only ten Shillings for the First Part, it shall be delivered to them. And, as I return my most humble thanks, in the first place, to those few Gentlemen who have been Benefactors upon the account of my second Proposall, whose Favour I shall, as I am obliged, particularly acknowledge in due time and place; and, after them, to that small number of the Subscribers who were pleased to subscribe more then twenty Shillings, so those of the Subscribers who shall think fit to send up more then ten Shillings for this First Part, it shall be thankfully acknowledged. To conclude, I must intreat the Subscribers not to fail to send for their First Part, both because it is an entire thing of it self, and especially to prevent those many hazards which Prudent men will easily forecast may befall the printed Sheets when they ly by, or may otherwise bereave them of the Work after it is done: which if it should happen, I shall satisfie my self that I have given them seasonable notice of it, and therefore am clear from any Loss or Inconvenience which may arise from their neglect.

Postscript.

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